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Application No.: 09/213,271)	Group No.: 2644
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Filed: December 17, 1998)	Examiner: C. Tran
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For: VOLTAGE AND PROTECTION)	
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LINE INTERFACE)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reexamination and reconsideration in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Hung et al. The Examiner asserts that Hung et al. teach each and every element of the claimed invention. The Examiner asserts that Applicant's isolation means for selectively coupling a power supply to the line circuit is taught at column 1, line 61 – column 2, line 1, namely element 18 of Hung et al.